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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	454	Median Age of Population (1980)	35.2
Estimated Population (1984)	223,994	% Population Urban (1980)	83.2
Population per Square Mile (1984)	493	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$10,381
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	- 1.7	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	4.6
Projected Population (1990)	220,679	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	8.4
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	- 3.2	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	7.8

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	223,994	104,405	119,589	35-44	25,970	12,740	13,230
0-4	13,838	7,150	6,688	45-54	21,496	10,070	11,426
5-14	28,107	14,301	13,806	55-64	27,293	11,940	15,353
15-24	35,473	17,510	17,963	65+	39,911	14,950	24,961
25-34	31,906	15,744	16,162				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	1,617	Number of Divorces	554
Rate per 1,000 Population	7.2	Rate per 1,000 Population	2.5
Median Age of Bride	25	Median Age of Wife	32
Median Age of Groom	26	Median Age of Husband	34

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	2,711
Rate per 1,000 Population	12.1
Median Age of Mother	26
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	6.3

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	2,711	100.0	30-34	549	20.3
UNDER 15	0	—	35-39	190	7.0
15-19	254	9.4	40-44	32	1.2
20-24	782	28.8	45+	2	0.0
25-29	902	33.3	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	100	Meningitis:	Aseptic	4	Salmonellosis	51
Hepatitis: Type A	5	Meningitis:	Meningococcal	2	Shigellosis	60
Hepatitis: Type B	38	Mumps		0	Syphilis	8
Hepatitis: Unspecified	0	Rubella		0	Tuberculosis	25
Hepatitis: Non-A/Non-B	0					

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	2,806	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	25
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	12.5	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	9.2
Median Age at Death	75.1	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	12

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	1,326	47.3	Perinatal Conditions	18	60.0	Accidents, All Forms	19	48.7
Cancer	606	21.6	Congenital Anomalies	5	16.7	Suicide	5	12.8
Cerebrovascular Disease	156	5.6				Cancer	3	7.7
Accidents, All Forms	71	2.5						
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	70	2.5						
All Other	577	20.6	All Other	7	23.3	All Other	12	30.8
TOTAL	2,806	100.0	TOTAL	30	100.0	TOTAL	39	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	16	25.4	Heart Disease	210	41.0	Heart Disease	1,097	50.7
Cancer	16	25.4	Cancer	165	32.2	Cancer	421	19.5
Accidents, All Forms	15	23.8	Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	23	4.5	Cerebrovascular Disease	135	6.2
Suicide	5	7.9	Cerebrovascular Disease	18	3.5	Pneumoconiosis	59	2.7
Homicide	3	4.8	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	12	2.3	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	57	2.6
All Other	8	12.7	All Other	84	16.4	All Other	393	18.2
TOTAL	63	100.0	TOTAL	512	100.0	TOTAL	2,162	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
9	7	1	1	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	0	Structured Clinics	4	Emergency Services Capability:	
Home Health Service	1	Family Practice Center	1	Limited 0	General 3
				Basic 1	Comprehensive 3

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	3	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	1	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	1

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	1,292	5.8
Admissions	40,228	179.6

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	467	2.1
Admissions	1,196	5.3

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $220

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES (1984)

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	7	5	7
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	1	0	1
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	8	7	8
TOTAL	16	12	16

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	1,325	33.2
Intermediate	731	18.3
Total (SNF + ICF)	2,056	51.5

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 80.2

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $58
Intermediate $51

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment (1985)

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
7	1,399	352	990	57	52.6

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
?	3	0	0	3	0

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services (1985)

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	689	Certified Paramedics I	6
Ambulance Providers	29	Certified Paramedics II	29

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (1983)

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 15

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	12	Autism	9	Muscular Dystrophy	11
Cerebral Palsy	11	Learning Disabilities	11	Other	13
Epilepsy	14	Multiple Sclerosis	11		

d. Primary Health Care Centers (1985)

Number of Agencies 1

e. Licensed Boarding Homes (1985)

Number of Homes 5